

Promises of God

15. Friend



John 15:15 "Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you."

Meaning: Unfortunately, most friends come and go, but that is not so with God. His friendship to us is not based upon money, power, or prestige because He has everything and we have nothing to offer Him. A friend is one who is attached to another by affection, one who desires another's company, and is there to support or aid him. We return God's friendship when we do what He has commanded us (John 15:14).

Application: There are three ways to describe the kind of friend God is. He is a "friend that sticketh closer than a brother" (Proverbs 18:24). God is a friend that loveth at all times (Proverbs 17:17), and He is a friend that laid down His life for us (John 15:13). Jesus proved His friendship to us by dying for us; we prove our friendship to Him by living for Him (James 4:4).

Other Verses for Study: Exodus 33:11; Isaiah 41:8; John 15:13-15; James 2:23

1. How do we return God's fellowship? _____
2. What is one way to describe the kind of friend God is?

3. What is proof that we are a friend of God? _____

"A true friend is one in whom we have confidence and to whom we will listen."